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Sir:

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2005 that was issued in this case. A Petition for a two month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135(a) extending the time for filing this response until January 24, 2006 is filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing Of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.